



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS SUCCESSFUL IN REMOVING SLOPE- SR138 OPENS TODAY!

San Bernardino - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists that the slope stabilization on SR138 is complete and the route is estimated to open this evening at 5 PM. The route will remain open 24 hours a day.

The contractor began mobilizing equipment into the area on Monday, April 11, 2005. A network of cable blocks (pulleys) was assembled to accommodate the scraping operation. A scraper bucket was utilized to pull down 5000 cubic yards of soil and rock material destined for another Caltrans project. Six dump trucks operated day and night removing approximately 500 loads of debris from the area. Crews worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week to expedite the opening and meet the commitment of the one-week closure made to the mountain residents.

Additional minor repairs to guardrails, fence line, and the steel mesh on the slope is needed. SR138 will remain open while these future repairs take place. This work may be done under short-term lane closures with use of flagging and pilot car. Watch for future **COMMUTER ALERTS** regarding these repairs.

Caltrans would like to thank the community for their continued support and patience. Please remember to drive defensively and always - ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!***

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